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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter to inform you that I am fully in support of the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. The legal battle that preceded this settlement drained tax funds, and challenged state budgets. This suit was initially brought about to help give the consumer more choices in the IT market; instead, it has succeeded in draining money from our pockets.

This settlement is fair and pragmatic. Microsoft has gone far and above what it should have needed to do to get this issue resolved. The settlement addresses concerns that were not even part of the original suit, and Microsoft even compromised some of its intellectual property to make the settlement adequately thorough.

Please prevent any further abuse of our tax resources. The right thing to do would be to finalize the settlement and resolve this issue promptly. We must give Microsoft way, so it can return to innovation.

Curt Fluegel

Sincerely,

General Partner